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At 2.30 p.m. May 31, Mr. T.L. Givens, Officer i/c Special Branch, and Supt. Tan Shao Liang had an interview with General Wen Hung En, Chief of the Public Safety Bureau at his office in the city and brought to his attention in a friendly manner a number of instances in which employees or agents of the Chinese Authorities had taken action in Communist cases in the Settlement without the co-operation of the Municipal Police under circumstances calculated to lead to abuses and to the breaking of the confidence of the public in the Municipal Police and Public Safety Bureau.

The Officer i/c Special Branch emphasized the appreciation of the Municipal Police of the assistance rendered by the Chinese Authorities in checking Communist activities in the Settlement, but explained that the object in view would be prejudiced rather than assisted by the adoption of illegal methods.

General Wen thanked Mr. Givens for the information, and promised to take measures to ensure that the abuses mentioned would be discontinued. General Wen added that the Public Safety Bureau is perfectly satisfied with the co-operation given by the Police, and that any departure from the present methods would injure the prestige of the Public Safety Bureau and consequently could not be tolerated.

Full details of the cases brought to the attention of General Wen are given in files Nos. D.4540, D.4541, D.4542 and D.4543.

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